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WHOLE NO. 598

Painters Urge Oil Companies Hire Local Men

Letters have been sent by Painters Union 1104 of Salinas to all major gasoline and oil companies throughout the state urging that they employ local painters in re-decorating various gas stations in the Salinas area.

Carl Lara, secretary of Local 1104, said that in most instances the oil companies send in crews of painters from outside of town and do not employ local painters on such work.

The letters were sent jointly by Local 1104 and the Salinas Valley Painting and Decorating Industry, Lara said, point out that "It's good business to do business in Salinas," and urge that local contractors be allowed to bid on station re-painting projects.

Painters Union 1104 will begin negotiations with contractors shortly on a new contract, Lara said. The union is expected to present its demands to contractors shortly and committees will be named to carry on negotiations.

The union is expected to ask for an insurance plan similar to that in effect in the San Francisco Bay Area Painters Agreement, plus a wage increase of 7½ cents per hour, which would bring the wage to \$2.27½, which is the agreed-upon wage in the new San Francisco area pact, Lara said.

Newly-printed by-laws for Painters Union 1104 are available now for union members, Lara said. Copies may be secured from the union office or from Lara.

Members of Painters Union 1104 are requested to report to the office any time they note a non-union painter on any job. The union is trying to make sure that all work done in the Salinas area is fully union and co-operation by members in reporting any non-union workmen, or any job which may be questionable, will be appreciated, Lara said.

Why Not Pay Workers More?

Pickets of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 who have been stationed before the Grove Creamery in Pacific Grove are being offered some comforts by creamery owner Harold Greene—all of which brought comment from observers: "Why not spend that money on wages for employees?"

Reportedly Greene supplied chairs for the pickets' use. Then, last week, he purchased a strip of red carpeting from Holman Dept. Store in Pacific Grove and laid it on the sidewalk for the pickets' use. However, the pickets have shunned the proffered comforts. Best way to get rid of the picket lines, and to cut down costs of maintenance, is for Greene to sign a union contract, it was pointed out.

Del Monte Ave. To Be Open Again Thursday

Reopening of Del Monte Ave. from Monterey through Seaside is scheduled for Thursday of this week, the \$243,000 improvement project under contract to Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville being due for completion by that time.

Workmen were busy last week-end putting finishing touches on fills and completing the paving, which has been under way for several weeks. Only a prolonged rain spell can prevent the opening, highway officials said.

PLUMBERS 503 PLANS BANQUET NEXT TUESDAY

Plans for a "dutch lunch" affair at Moose Hall following the union's meeting next Tuesday night were announced last week by Bus. Mgr. E. R. Arbuckle of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503 of Salinas.

Details of the banquet plans were not disclosed. The union regularly meets at Moose Hall. The feast was proposed by the membership at last week's big meeting, Arbuckle declared.

With employment opportunities for plumbers and steamfitters lessening in the Salinas area, many members are traveling to other localities in search of work, Local 503 reports.

A great number of the union men are heading northward—up to Fairbanks, Alaska, where military projects have been calling for skilled men, it was said.

PG&E Project Nearly Over For Carpenters

Only a few carpenters—less than 25—now are employed on the \$50,000,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant project at Moss Landing, a Stone & Webster Corp. construction job, according to Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925.

With this project nearing completion, union carpenters must look elsewhere for employment, Baldwin pointed out. The union has a lengthy list of unemployed, he added.

Work on the new isolation ward at the county hospital near Salinas has been slow getting underway, it was announced. Several small buildings on the site of the new structure have had to be moved out of the way. Five carpenters have been called to this project, Baldwin said.

Re-location of the Permanente Cement Co. plant at Natividad has provided some work for union carpenters. The firm is moving its primary crusher about a quarter mile west of the present location.

TO ALL CARPENTERS: Any member of Local 925 who is not getting the international magazine of the carpenters should contact the union office, giving correct address, and the magazine will be sent.

New Projects At Jail Farm Are Scheduled

Additions to the present contracted work on the State's medium security prison at Soledad are to be started shortly, union officials have learned, and bid for the new work have been opened already. Details will be announced later.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, said work for union laborers includes:

Stockton Sewer Co. has moved in pipe for the sewers to be laid from Laurel Park tract to the Salinas city limits. Work of installation is to be started this week.

Contractor Ted Baum of Fresno has called for a full crew and has moved in heavy equipment to start the grading and resurfacing of King City streets.

Martin & Tout, another Fresno firm, is finishing up the installation of new curbs and gutters in King City.

Protest to President Truman



Washington.—AFL spokesmen asked Chief Executive to reverse postmaster general's ruling giving skilled work to lower-paid employees which AFL says is an "unfair labor practice that would not be tolerated in private industry." Emerging from the White House (l. to r.) are Leo M. George, president National Federation of Post Office Clerks; W. M. Thomas, president Railway Mail Association; AFL Vice-President W. C. Doherty, president National Association of Letter Carriers, and AFL President William Green.

In Union Circles

Al Clark, secretary of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 who underwent a painful operation two weeks ago, was expected back at his desk in the Labor Temple sometime this week. Friends said he was recovering nicely.

Retail Clerks Union 839 still has its pickets before the Ordway Market in Seaside, pressing a determination to continue picketing until a contract is gained, Union Sec. Jerry Miller reports.

Date for start of the new Salinas Labor Temple is still unannounced. Plans and specifications are being prepared and bids will be asked soon. Construction is to start as soon as possible, union officials declared.

James Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for governor, is to be in Monterey County on Thursday, March 30, all day, attending various meetings in different cities and visiting with prospective candidates and with his supporters.

Birthday Party Of Local 483 Is Big Success

The 13th anniversary party of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey last week at Biff's El Estero was pronounced both an artistic and a financial success by union officials.

Highlight of the evening's festivities was the cutting of a huge birthday cake donated by Tom Clark, of the 17-Mile-Drive Coffee Shop. Dancing and entertainment were provided for the large crowd in attendance. Proceeds from the party went into the union's welfare fund.

Local 483 has a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday of this week for the purpose of discussing contract matters, Secretary George L. Rice said. Sessions will be held at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Are You Registered?

All members are urged to make sure that they are qualified to vote in the June primary, the most important election of the year. The deadline for registering is April 13. Check up on this today! Every vote counts!

Lara, Andrade On Industries Study Committee

Organized labor has been included in a program of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce for bringing new industries to the Salinas Valley, a program which is under study at present but which is expected to be developed on a great scale, it was disclosed last week.

Carl Lara, president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, and Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters Union 890, have been named to an "Industrial Committee" which includes representatives of Chambers of Commerce, civic groups and officials of Salinas and surrounding towns.

The committee will draw up plans for a state and national program to advertise to industry the advantages of locating in the Salinas Valley. Financing of the advertising program is also to be worked out.

Lara and Andrade attended a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last week, at which time it was reported that inquiries regarding industrial opportunities here are on the increase.

"Organized labor should realize the importance of making every effort to bring new industry to the Salinas area," Lara said. "San Jose and San Francisco have had excellent industrial developments in recent years through just such a program."

Through industrial development of an area, union members of all crafts gain, from the builders of the plants to the crews which are employed therein, the truckers who ship the products, and the maintenance crews.

GM Profits Set Record

New York.—General Motors Corporation reported net earnings for 1949 of \$656,434,232, the greatest ever recorded by an American corporation. It was an increase of 49 per cent over 1948.

With such a profit, GM could well set an example for all profit-making, efficiently-managed companies by granting immediate and substantial improvements in wages and working conditions to the laboring people who helped to make the record possible.

As the editorial writers say of labor occasionally, here is a chance for statesmanship.

Prison Labor Off Buildings In Forest Camp

Efforts of the Monterey County Building Trades Council and various building unions of the Salinas area bore fruit last week as prison labor which had been building sheds, shops and other structures at the State Forest Ranger Camp in Slack's Canyon were recalled and union workmen were employed.

Fred S. Miller, business agent of the building council, said that assistance in the removal of the prison labor competition to free labor was received from the State Building Trades Council and Frank Lawrence, its president. Similar projects elsewhere are being investigated by the state group.

Miller, accompanied by several union business representatives, made numerous trips to the Slack Canyon camp and met with State Division of Forestry officials in an effort to work out such details as travel and subsistence pay for union men which are to be employed. Ruling that free labor be employed was secured after conferences with Governor Warren.

Fourteen laborers from the King City area, all members of Laborers Union 272, were called to the project, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of that union. Other unions are sending crews to continue the project.

Local negotiations have been handled by L. T. Peterson, deputy state forester, and Carl G. Albertus, assistant forester.

Under construction are an administration building, shops, sheds for fire trucks, tanks, a sewage disposal plant, plus other buildings.

Efforts of the Building Trades Council to win this project for free labor have gained state-wide attention and will assist other areas in programs to gain state work for building craftsmen, Miller pointed out.

Salinas IBEW Studies Plan For Insurance

Explanation of the California Physicians Service medical and health insurance plan for unions which subscribe for memberships as a whole will be given to Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas at the meeting of Wednesday, April 5, according to Business Manager Karl Ozols.

In an effort to get an adequate insurance program for the union, C.P.S. has been investigated, Ozols said.

Low bidder for electrical work on the additional project at the state prison in Soledad is R.E.M. Electric Co. of Chula Vista, Ozols added.

SALINAS CARPENTER FOUND DEAD BY FIRE

O. B. Bennett, member of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas who had been working on a home in Laurel Park for Paul Theriault, was found dead in his burned-out automobile near Salinas last week, the union reports.

Bro. Bennett, who was 59, resided at 720 East St., Salinas, with a brother and a nephew. The nephew is James Bennett, newly made a journeyman carpenter by Local 925.

Details of the tragedy are not known. Bro. Bennett had worked that day and his lunch box was in the car. The fire might have been started by a cigarette, authorities said.

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 896 Bellomy Ave., Santa Clara, phone AXminster 6-3625; office: San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 927—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 416 Monterey St., phone 4-0; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannett, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Sec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4355.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 935 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone DIamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Tom Mill; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716. Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Floyd Hill; Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694W, office phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Alton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Carl Lara; Sec.-Treas., Harold Miller, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Louie Vistalli, 664 Terrace St.; Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Bill Gray, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone Market 1-4958; Branch Agt., Ronald Schaeffer, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 5672.

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 145 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6393. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., I. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820. Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 525 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman F. Kephart, 133 Avis Court. Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., John J. Warburton, 102 1/2 Conley, phone 3169. Sec., Peter Greco, 38 Marion, phone 2-1509. Fin. Sec. & Bus. Rep., Carl Lara, 274 McGinley Way, phone 8544; office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Nicholas Christner, 502 Lincoln; Sec. and Bus. Agt., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m. (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Carl Litvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle. Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Elmer W. Gipe, 1236 Circle Dr., phone 6102; Sec., H. C. Schiele, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard, 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec., R. Meders, 151 Torro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office at 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 108 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014. Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karch, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 959J.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 247 Paloma; Sec., Pester A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Name Businesses Cheating U.S.

New York. — A special federal grand jury indicted 34 business men and six corporations for cheating Uncle Sam of \$2,032,649 in income taxes by failing to reveal income. Stricter enforcement would go a long way toward plugging up this loophole through which tax money is leaking away.

IBEW Pickets Show

Kansas City, Mo. — The Exposition of Electrical Progress opened in Municipal Auditorium here with all new electrical gadgets—and a picketline outside. The pickets were Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) members who charged some of the installation work had been done by non-union employees.

Warren Ducks Job Issue—J. Roosevelt

James Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for Governor, last week accused Governor Warren of engaging in "gabtrapping" in his recent budget and special session message.

"The incumbent Governor's budget and special session message to the Legislature is so much gab-trap," Roosevelt said.

"He has set a budget, he has listed 18 points for the legislators to consider, he has pointed out some things necessary to be done, and then he tells the Legislature that if it makes any appropriations which increase his budget, they will be responsible for raising taxes.

"He gabs the Legislators into a trap.

"If the budget is increased, he will deny any responsibility. But if the points in his call, including Child Care Centers, the relatives' responsibility clause and other points are not solved, he will then be in a position to say, 'Well, it's not my fault; I included it in the call.' The members of the Legislature just can't win, and the Governor washes his hands of all responsibility.

'DODGE LEADERSHIP'

"The people of this state are fed up with this sort of responsibility—dodging leadership. It's the same kind of responsibility-dodging gab-trapping that makes it impossible for this session to consider the state's number one problem—unemployment. The Governor called a conference last December to which he invited some of the finest people in the State. They made some splendid suggestions. But the Governor did not even consider unemployment important enough to place it before this session of the Legislature.

"What about the Child Care Centers, for example? The Governor was asked that question quite pointedly by the press, and he made it clear that if the Centers are to be continued, the legislature will have to assume the responsibility for raising the money—he wants no part of criticism. The same goes for liberalization of old age pensions, or relief for our financially pressed, overburdened school districts.

"The budget, he insists, must be balanced at all costs in this election year, even if basic needs are forgotten and basic services neglected—unless, of course, the legislature wants to take full 'blame' for doing an adequate job.

"The state needs a Governor willing and able to recommend positive, concrete action in the interests of the people of California."

Aids Victory



Chicago.—William A. Lee, president Chicago Federation of Labor, threw resources of the big metropolitan organization behind organizing campaign of AFL Building Service Employees at Wieboldt Stores, Inc., to help achieve a victory that may be turning point in campaign to unionize big Chicago department stores.

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
GAROLD F. MILLER, Secretary

Monterey County Central Labor Union of Salinas did not hold a meeting last Friday night, the session cancelled so that officers and delegates might attend the labor council meeting and dinner session in Santa Cruz that night to show strength of Organized Labor behind Culinary-Bartenders Union 345 of Santa Cruz in current negotiations.

Public Schools Week, Apr. 24-29

(State Fed. Release)

"The Public School—Democracy in Action" is to be the theme and motto for the 31st annual observance of Public Schools Week throughout California, April 24 through 29.

Public schools will hold open house, and both teachers and students are working on special projects in preparation for great numbers of visitors.

In San Francisco alone more than 50 civic, fraternal and business organizations have scheduled programs to acquaint their members with work the public schools are doing to prepare students for their role as citizens in our democracy.

Throughout the state similar programs will be launched to concentrate attention on the public schools.

No. 1 in Calif. Is Jobs—Geo. Miller

State Senator George Miller, Jr., Contra Costa County, has taken out nominating papers for the Lieutenant-Governor's post. A Democrat, Miller will cross-file on the Republican ballot.

The 36 year old legislator pledged a vigorous campaign following the wind-up of the current session of the Senate. "In the meantime, I expect my friends in the state to carry on the campaign," Miller said. "Immediately following the session I will go wherever I can to talk about the issues that affect the future of California.

"Unemployment is the number one problem in the state.

"And the question: How to solve this problem will be the number one issue in the campaign.

"I'm going to present a program for jobs and work toward the goal of F. O. B. California on more and more manufactured goods," Miller said.

British Labor Wins on Housing

London.—The Labor Government won a crucial challenge to its existence on the issue of whether it has attempted to meet Great Britain's housing shortage with adequate means.

With a Commons majority that has shrunk to 6, the government defended itself on housing more decisively than on the nationalization of iron and steel. The vote on housing was 314 to 289. The vote to go ahead with steel nationalization was 310 to 296.

The Conservatives had charged that the Labor Government was not building enough homes and was building too many to rent, not enough to sell.

Comments from Here and There

THE LESSON

The lesson to be learned from the story showing that business spent roughly 13 times as much money to influence Congress as labor did is this:

Working men and women must organize and participate politically, register and vote. They must defeat their enemies and support their friends. The only weapon a worker has against the dollar of big business is the ballot. It MUST be used.

Council Pres. Carl Lara, Sec. Garold F. Miller, and Delegates Bertha Boles and Neil Goodwin traveled to Santa Cruz for the dinner and meetings.

Business at the Salinas meeting of March 10 included: Acceptance of C. R. Foster as new delegate from Typographical Union 543.

Report by Teachers 1020 of a visit by Ed Ross, John Nathan and others of the State Federation of Teachers.

Vote to donate \$10 to the Salinas Crippled Children's Society.

Vote to write Senators Knowland and Downey expressing support of the movement to grant statehood to Alaska.

Vote for the Council to take out membership in the Salinas Chamber of Commerce.

Endorsement of the movement for a new hotel in Salinas.

Opposition to the program of the University of California requiring that professors must sign non-subversive activity affidavits.

LACK OF FORESIGHT BRINGS EMERGENCIES

"Whenever a situation is acute, there are those who want to deal with the problem solely through emergency measures. Generally these are the same people who, before the situation becomes acute, say there is no need to do anything at all.

"They say that a long-term housing program is unnecessary when there is no housing emergency; and when there is a housing emergency they say that a long-term program is too late to be useful."—Former Sen. Robert Wagner of New York.

—THE LEAGUE REPORTER.

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Truman Axes Denham Job

(AFL RELEASE)

Washington. — President Truman has asked Congress to abolish the position of an independent general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board and do away with the 5-man Maritime Commission.

His recommendations were contained in 21 government reorganization plans aimed at carrying out many changes advocated by the Hoover Commission in the interest of efficiency and economy.

Mr. Truman sent his message to Congress a few days after Robert N. Denham, NLRB general counsel, had said that the President appeared to be satisfied with his performance. Mr. Denham, deep in a pitched battle with the 5-man labor board over interpretation of the Taft-Hartley law, made the remark after the AFL and other labor groups had demanded his removal for his pro-employer attitude.

AFL: "HE IS UNFIT"

An unwarranted attack on the AFL Teamsters Union prompted the AFL executive council to call for Mr. Denham's removal on the grounds that he is "unfit" for his post.

The President said his plan "will bring to an end the confusion which has resulted from divided responsibility."

"The Senate last year indicated its approval of this setup," he said. "The reorganization plan in effect restores unified authority and responsibility of the board. As in the case of other plans for regulatory agencies, certain administrative and executive responsibilities are placed in the chairman. . . . This action eliminates a basic defect in the present organization of the National Labor Relations Board and provides an organizational pattern consistent with that established for other regulatory agencies."

CHAIRMAN, BOSS

The No. 1 recommendation by the Hoover Commission in its report on regulatory agencies was that "all administrative responsibility be vested in the chairman." It also recommended that all such agencies be bipartisan in makeup.

The latest chapter in the bickering between the NLRB and Mr. Denham occurred when the board took back some of the powers it had delegated to him. It ruled it would have the final say on hiring and firing the chiefs of regional and subregional offices and in setting those offices up and eliminating them.

Mr. Denham said he would not

stand for the board trying "to usurp" his authority and that he would seek a showdown.

Mr. Denham also has criticized decisions of the board, maintaining that those decisions repealed the Taft-Hartley Act by interpretation. The board replied that this criticism made an almost impossible situation, pointing out that it would be Mr. Denham's duty to defend decisions which are challenged and taken to the Court of Appeals.

A "PROBLEM AGENCY"

To replace the Maritime Commission, which has been a "problem" agency of the government for some time, the President proposed a 3-man Maritime Board and a Maritime Administration in the Commerce Department.

The new board would take over from the commission its regulatory duties and the award of subsidies for shipbuilding and operation. Ship construction and other administrative operations would be carried out by the Maritime Administrator in Commerce. There also would be an under-secretary of commerce for transportation to direct the expanded transportation activities of the department.

In an over-all message accompanying his plans, Mr. Truman told Congress he is confident they "will take us well along the road toward more effective, economical and responsible government." He said the plans are all designed to carry out recommendations of the Hoover Commission on government reorganization.

The other plans would centralize authority in 6 cabinet posts and transfer some small agencies to the labor department.

Avert IBEW Strike

Los Angeles.—A strike of 4,000 AFL electricians seemed averted here when District 18, Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, won its demands from the Municipal Water and Power Dept. for a major portion of the work on a \$2-million construction project.

Legislature Eyes State's Jobless

(State Fed. Release)

The California State Federation of Labor established offices in Sacramento this week as the 1950 budget session and a special session of the legislature opened concurrently under the call of Governor Earl Warren.

Subjects pertinent to labor to be considered at the special session include:

Legislation relating to pensions for the aged, needy and blind.

Continuance of child care centers as well as aid to needy children.

Relief of the unemployed.

Enactment of a uniform support-of-dependents law.

Provision for a survey and analysis of the public works programs of the state and local agencies to the end of properly financing such programs.

Financing of public works and improvements by counties, cities and counties, and public districts.

Slum clearance.

In its petition for a special session of the legislature, the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor had urged the Governor to consider the following issues in the session agenda:

(1) Measures for the relief of the unemployed, including particularly expansion of unemployment insurance coverage, increasing benefits and eliminating the waiting period.

(2) Enactment of an effective rent control act to protect lower income tenants.

(3) Revision of the state welfare code to liberalize eligibility, with particular emphasis on the removal of the relative's responsibility clause.

(4) Continuation of child care centers until at least June 30, 1951.

Fed. Asks Job Action by State

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary and legislative representative of the California State Federation of Labor, this week declared that in view of the broad scope of the special session of the State Legislature, the Federation will submit numerous measures pertaining to unemployment insurance, disability insurance and workmen's compensation, as well as other proposals previously announced.

Secretary Haggerty's statement followed a public interpretation of Governor Warren's special session agenda by the legislative counsel's office in Sacramento.

The ruling allows the introduction of virtually any bill directed toward relief and control of unemployment.

Federation action had already been promised on the following recommendations adopted by the February meeting of the Executive Council:

1. Measures for the relief of the unemployed.

2. Enactment of an effective rent control act to protect lower-income tenants.

3. Revision of the State Welfare Code to liberalize eligibility, with particular emphasis on the removal of the relatives' responsibility clause.

4. Continuation of Child Care Centers until at least June 30, 1951.

The State Federation has opened offices in Sacramento for the duration of the special session.

Mellon Budget Made Country Suffer

"Andrew Mellon and Ogden L. Mills balanced the budget until the people had unbalanced lives and unfed stomachs.

"Economy in Government was the word, spirit and letter. But the nation suffered, the people were unemployed, business was prostrate." — Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.).

The federal government collected 4 1/4% less taxes in 1949 than in 1948.

HUGE G. M. BONUS EQUALS A \$5 RAISE

(LLPE Release)

Biggest net profit ever made by a corporation was rung up by General Motors last year. It amounted to more than \$600 million. These profits were made after paying the fantastic six-digit salaries that top GM officials enjoy. In fact, profits were so good that these top GM officials felt forced to accept extra bonuses totaling \$58 million last year.

UAW-CIO Pres. Walter Reuther did a little rapid calculation and delivered the following statement in Elizabeth, N. J., February 26:

"G.M. made (gross) profits during '49 of approximately \$100 million per month . . . enough to allow a real price cut and a wage increase and still make scandalous profits.

"A handful of GM executives recently received bonuses totaling \$58 million, but did not buy more bread or washing machines because they already had enough.

"The \$58 million would have provided an hourly wage increase of 12.7 cents for every GM worker and that would then have increased purchasing power." (This would equal \$5.08 for a 40-hour week.)

The UAW is not entering negotiations with GM. The public is

Between 1945 and 1949 national income rose 22%, net corporate profits jumped 96%, but compensation to employees went up only 16%.

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EDITORIALS

HOW LABOR LOSES ELECTIONS

March 14th a run-off election was held to decide the issue of a recall election in which Scott Weakley, one of three Oakland councilmen barely was nosed out by five votes, thus forcing a run-off election, between the two getting the highest vote, as a third candidate in the field prevented either from having a majority. Yet if Weakley had been the high man by even only one vote he would have retained his seat without any run-off.

Less than one-half of the registered voters, who were entitled to vote in the run-off election took the trouble to vote. The result was that the anti-labor candidate received a majority of 3577 out of a total of more than 70,000 votes, thus demonstrating that the anti-labor political machine in this case was far more effective and thorough in getting their own vote out than were the forces of labor.

It would have required less than two thousand of the union people, who stayed at home and did not bother to vote to have brought one voter apiece with them to turn the tide of this run-off election and thus have retained the union endorsed candidate in office. A far greater number of union people failed to vote at all than were needed to re-elect Scott Weakley at the run-off election and according to careful investigators an even far greater number of union people, who otherwise are qualified voters, lost their votes by not being registered.

This is exactly how labor lost the Congressional election of 1946, which paved the way for the enactment of the Taft-Hartley law. It is the way labor has lost in most elections. It should help teach every worker to vote without fail in every primary and in every general election.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMING

Enormous sums of money are being expended by medical associations and interests closely allied with them to spread the impression that health insurance is something very bad for people in general and for good measure it is frequently pointed out that the plan has been a dismal failure in Great Britain, where it was put into operation July 5, 1948, with great success.

Evidently the medical fraternities and hospital setups that have developed the most merciless increase in fees during recent years are much disturbed over what an over-all health insurance plan might do to the stranglehold they have on the helpless public. The real reason for the growing demand for health insurance is the outrageous fees that are being charged today by so many medical men and hospitals.

For comparatively simple operations and for operations that are not necessary at all outrageous fees are charged that frequently put people of modest means in debt for the remainder of their lives. On the other hand a well-planned and honest health insurance law would enable everybody to get first-class medical care and hospitalization at a nominal charge per year, which would leave no aftermath of debt for either doctors or hospitals in case of sickness or injury in accidents. A comprehensive health insurance plan is the best answer thus far proposed. The sooner we adopt an adequate health insurance plan the better.

LABOR'S POLITICAL FIGHT

Every day we are edging closer to the primary election which is to be held early in June. That is by far the most important election to the people of California, which will be held in 1950, because our cross filing system, which is permitted in our primary election, frequently creates a situation that makes it impossible for voters to express their preference in the general election for the reason that the candidate they do not want to vote for has received both the Republican and Democratic nominations, because thousands of voters neglected to vote in the primary thus enabling political machines to round up enough votes for the candidates they want to put over to enable them to get both nominations of the two leading political parties.

This leaves only one alternative to the voters of California and that is to turn out full force at the primary election and at that time make sure that the candidates they want elected will be on the ballot when the general election is held in November. A light primary vote too frequently means that machine candidates get both nominations. The only way to prevent this is to cast the heaviest vote possible in the primary election. Failing to vote is the surest way to get completely licked in the primary voting as that election decides the final outcome in many cases, where crossfiling prevails.

British National Health Service

By GEORGE C. ALLEN

(Editor's Note: This interesting account of the British Health Service—note it is "service" not "insurance"—is sent to us by George Allen, son of Geo. Allen, bus. mgr. of S. F. Watchmakers Union 101, who is on a labor scholarship at Oxford University, England.)

(SECOND INSTALLMENT)

The third general area into which the NHS is divided is the service provided by the local health authorities. Most of these services, such as home nursing, immunization work, midwife services, general health information and all those types of jobs that can be done best in the local community were provided by most local authorities before the passage of the NHS Act in 1948. However, before the passage of the NHS, this work was strictly voluntary and left to the discretion of the local authority as to the type of service that was needed and how it was to be accomplished. With the passage of the NHS Act, this service was made compulsory on the local authority and all services are administered locally by one local board. (This board has representatives from the professional groups, labor, and the local County Council—similar to our Board of Supervisors.) This section of the program is very important for much of this work is borne jointly by the local community and the Ministry of Health, with the Ministry paying not more than 50 per cent of the cost, nor less than 30 per cent.

FREE MEDICINE

Finally, under the section of general services, is placed the dispensing of drugs and prescriptions, sickness benefits, death benefits, etc. Anyone in the NHS can get free medicine. There are 14,000 druggists in Great Britain and almost all of them belong to the program. Very few of the druggists oppose the system either economically or politically because they never had it so good. For the first time, people who need medicine can get it without worrying about the cost. Last October, as part of a new austerity program announced by the Prime Minister, it was announced that a basic charge of 1 shilling (14c) would be levied against all prescriptions but this hasn't gone into effect yet, and probably won't.

The foregoing has been a rather generalized view of the administrative workings of the National Health Service. There remains the most important side, the human side, to be discussed before an adequate picture of the NHS can be formed.

What have been the results of this new medical program on the health of a nation that has been under a strict austerity program for 10 years? Has the NHS destroyed a "sacred" patient-doctor relationship?

SHOWS RESULTS

The answer to the first question, I would like to quote some figures from the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, who in his report for 1949 said:

"In the four years from 1945 to 1948, the infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births fell by 26 per cent.

"In the same period the still-birth rate fell by 18 per cent.

"In the four years 1935 to 1938, however, these rates fell by only 7 per cent each."

The much greater rate of improvement during the past four years is the more remarkable as the margin for improvement is much smaller than it was before and progress therefore more difficult.

The answer to the question of the NHS destroying the patient-doctor relationship is an unequivocal "no." The average Englishman is very jealous of his personal liberty and is particularly zealous in protecting his personal life. Every political party, from right to left, in vying for this Mr. Average Man's vote in the general election, endorsed the National Health Service and promised to extend, not curtail, the services offered under it.

A completely free choice of doctors is guaranteed. When I re-

ceived my National Health Service card from the local executive in Oxford, I was told that I had a choice of any doctor in Oxford and could change doctors without consulting any authority. I have had considerable dealings with the National Health Service since I have been in England and I am highly satisfied with the service I have received, along with most of the other people participating in the Service.

MASS CONTROL OF TB

In gathering some of the technical data for this report on the NHS, I visited a rather large tubercular hospital here in Oxfordshire. The young and very efficient head nurse who guided my tour through the administrative section and then into the wards to explain and show me the results of the new system of care given to the patients, was very candid in her answers to my questions pertaining to the workings of the NHS. It was she who told me that only since the enactment of the NHS has it been possible to get any sort of effective control over TB in England. She then pointed out that the direction in which the NHS must expand is in the field of preventive medicine and early treatment of disease. When she said, "Put yourself in the place of a wife whose husband must go into a hospital for three years to be cured of TB, when with an earlier diagnosis the hospital time could have been one-third of that," I couldn't help but say, "In the United States, there are very few workers who could afford to stay in a hospital for three years."

Stop and think just a moment of your position as the head of a family. Could you afford to be ill for any sustained period of time? In England, although the NHS is not the panacea nor is it without its faults, the workers can. By joining in political action with his work-mates in their trade union and through the Labour Party, the British trade unionist has given us an example of the force for social good that a trade union can be.

To be sure that the American trade union movement is strong enough to overcome the reactionary forces against medicine for the many, is our job. That job will be well on the road to success when we ALL remember who our friends are and who our enemies are, when we exercise our privilege as citizens and trade unionists at the voting polls.

Chem. Wkrs. 7c

Parlin, N. J.—Employees of the Hercules Powder Co. here won a six-cent hourly pay boost and welfare benefits ranging from four to seven cents hourly. Members of Local 271, Intl. Chemical Workers (AFL), the 1,300 workers also received other improvements in a two-year contract negotiated under auspices of a federal mediator.

Bits Of Humor

He has the political instinct. He only opens his mouth when he has nothing to say.

Heard about a librarian so interested in her work she married a bookie.

Teacher asked Johnny what does the word "yet" mean. He said it is a part of your body. She asked him to explain. He said he read where a woman got shot and the bullet is in her yet.

Girl married her director in Hollywood. After five years of marriage they had no children, so she divorced her director and married a producer.

Barfly moaned: "Only time I was ever able to fill the shoes of my wife's first husband was the night I came home full of beer."

Gals carry little cases Designed for making up their faces.

Wish they had some other kinds, Designed for making up their minds.

During the Admiral's expedition to the South Pole, a girl penguin sent a telegram to her errant boyfriend penguin, saying, "Come home at once. I am with Byrd."

Little Willie went to school, Teacher thought him quite a fool;

Kept him late, and that's the reason Teacher won't teach here next season.

After spending an afternoon reading epitaphs, we wonder where all the sinners are buried.

Ingrid is probably wondering where her name will appear in the next edition of "Who's Whose."

Oklahoma man, asked if it is true that Oklahoma is considered an outlying province of Texas, replied: "Nope, no state can outlie Texas."

He was urging his old lady to get a move on, hurry up, dammit. In the midst of cosmetics, she replied, "I'll be ready just as soon as I put on my Coty's and panties."

Typists dread steno spread.

"I think that I shall never see The dollar that I loaned to thee. A dollar that I could have spent, For varied forms of merriment; The one I loaned to you so gladly, The same which I now need so badly; For whose return I had great hope, Just like an optimistic dope. For dollars loaned to guys like thee Are not returned to dopes like me."

Egg prices are down 40% since last fall's peak.

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'Let Them Eat Weeds'

(State Fed. Release)

The nation's newspapers last week carried a headlined story which told of hunger and starvation in the farm labor camps of Arizona.

It was a terrifying account of abject and incredible poverty in the midst of American wealth and progress.

The reaction of the nation was typical. Food, clothing, money and medicine from every state poured into the Phoenix territory faster than a relief committee could distribute the supplies.

Flight of the farm workers was disclosed, when a truant officer checked on large-scale absences from school. He found 1000 children near starvation because their parents could not find work.

Investigators said some families were reduced to eating weeds.

United Press reports from Phoenix declared the farm labor camp program was operated by the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, a farm employers' group.

The California State Federation of Labor has vigorously opposed the attempts of farm powers to turn California labor camps over to farm employer agencies in this state. The Federation has insisted that all such camps should become the property of federal housing agencies.

CONSTRUCTION

(Condensed from "Daily Pacific Builder")

S. F., Santiago Home School unit, 42nd Ave., J. L. Barnes, \$232,176.

Modesto, high school, taking bids, \$1,000,000.

Avenal Hospital, bids due, \$300,000.

Oakland, St. Cyril's Church, Camden and 62nd St., Pac. Coast Builders, \$292,668.

Sacramento, Walnut Grove bridge, bids due, \$1,000,000.

S. F., Lake St. sewer system, M&K Corp., \$372,981.

El Cerrito Jr. High, bids due, \$1,500,000.

Oakland, Home for Jewish Aged, bids due, \$350,000.

S. F., Abraham Kahn medical-dental bldg., 1628 Market, \$400,000, plans done.

Petaluma, McNear School, to ask bids, \$250,000.

Mariposa, hospital, plans done, \$400,000.

Ceres, hospital, bids due, \$1,000,000.

San Rafael, medical center, plans up, \$300,000.

Vets Hospital, 500-bed, Ft. Douglas, Salt Lake City, \$7,898,000, Wunderlich Construction Co. and Curlett Construction Co., Long Beach.

Redwood City TB hospital, bids due, \$1,500,000.

Redwood City, M. J. King, Inc., Woodside Terrace homes, bids due, \$200,000.

Camarillo state Hosp., Williams & Burrows, Burlingame, \$1,017,700.

Marin, off Tiburon highway, C. Dudley DeVelbiss Co., housing, plans up, \$1,000,000.

San Jose, Austrian Dam, Earl Heple, \$663,480.

Big Union 'Yes' Vote

Detroit—General Motors workers in the biggest NLRB union shop election on record voted YES 171,629; NO 21,950; CHALLENGED 5,774. Eligible to vote were 230,000.

LOOKING FORWARD

By JAMES ROOSEVELT

Center of the political stage these days is occupied by the Legislature of the State of California, which is now engaged in two sessions at the same time.

First of all, there is the regular budget session, which is to appropriate the tax money for the operation of the state from July of this year through June, 1951. In addition, our representatives in Sacramento have also been called into an emergency special session to consider a number of general matters important to the people of California.

To me, four of the most pressing matter which the Legislature is now considering in this special session are: School support, child care centers, old age pensions and coordination of public works.

These all sound like pretty technical matters, but I assure you, they're not. They represent problems which affect the lives of all of us daily.

SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE

Take school support, as an example. Too many parents in this state know the shortcomings of our overcrowded school system—too few classrooms, too many pupils, a shortage of trained teachers. That is why most of us voted for the \$250,000,000 bond issue in the special election last November. Good as that vote was, it by no means answered the problem. Further help has been called for.

Child Care Centers, which have been supported largely by state funds during the war and post-war years, will cease to exist after June 30, unless the Legislature votes to continue state aid. If the support does end, then working mothers will really be up against it to find supervision for their children during working hours.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Old age assistance has been a sore spot in California politics for more than a decade. Until 1948, pensions were administered by the counties and paid for by federal, state and county funds. Pensions were denied certain older citizens on the basis that their children's incomes were sufficient to provide support—and the children were forced by law to contribute. Then with the passage of a constitutional amendment in November 1948, administration was taken over by the state, and counties' share of support was also shifted to the state, and the "relatives responsibility" clause was repealed, among other changes. This lasted only a year, because a heavily-financed campaign persuaded the voters to repeal—in the special election last November—the new plan.

Since that time, a good deal of feeling has developed among experts in the social welfare field and among sound political workers in favor of state administration and state support for the state pension law and removal of the relatives responsibility clause. Effect of the repeal was to increase greatly county tax burdens on homeowners, to force the state to relinquish offices it had already opened, and to renew governmental interference in the lives of aged parents and their children—at little, if any, saving in expense. Our legislators have been asked to take another look at the pension situation.

The final important matter is a request to plan and dovetail public works programs of state, counties and cities so as to maintain maximum employment generally. Unfortunately, this will help few others besides building and construction workers, who form only a small fraction of the unemployed—and there are more than half a million jobless in California today.

FINE, BUT NO MONEY

Now, every single one of these important matters will require the expenditure of money. But the budget which the Governor submitted for passage by the budget session made no provision for funds for any of these things.

And if the Legislature wishes to help schools, or renew support of Child Care Centers, or revise the pension system, it will have to provide new or higher taxes to pay for them. That is almost an impossibility in an election year. This is an election year. And the Governor



BUCKET and BRUSH

Convention and wage talks are the main topics of locals around the state these days. The annual state assembly is in San Jose on April 14-16. Chief topics for talk and action at the Ste. Claire Hotel will be: coordination of agreements around the state; more complete apprentice training (mixing, etc., as well as just house painting); welfare plan for all areas, besides those which now have them.

Wage talks are under way in various parts of the state, most of them expected to wind up before convention time. Talks have begun in the Bay Area, with reports going out to the locals for consideration. Unions ask straight \$2.50, bosses ask cut to \$2.10. Both ask many spray rule changes.

Paint Makers 1053 of San Mateo won NLRB vote by big majority at Reichhold Chemical Co. Plant operates 24 hours, so the boys have to be initiated into the union at all hours.

Old Master Painter may frown on Salinas Local 1104 boys who are climbing up six huge smoke stacks at the PG&E \$50-million Moss Landing steam generating plant. While up that high, the boys might paint a little sunset on the sky.

Southland locals are fairly busy. Los Angeles 323 asked the Central Council to call upon the City Dads to eliminate painters from the AGC wage rate classifications. In many instances these would reduce the rates now received.

Pomona 979 has re-affiliated with the L. A. Bldg. Trades Council. San Diego 333 opening pay talks with the bosses, concerning mostly working conditions; Painters' week for donations to the blood bank. L. A. Pictorial Local 831 asks its members to put the label on all signs.

Personals: O. K. Frandsen, president of San Mateo 913 is not OK, underwent surgery to help a long-standing shoulder injury. L. A. Pictorial 831 presents life member card to Bro. Ben Imhoff. Steve Serfoso, B.A. for Redwood City 1146, is now on a full-time basis. Chas. Woolworth, Wm. Stuve and Homer Allen, of Richmond, out of hospital. Cliff Rishell, star painter of Oakland, is also top man on their bowling team.

Apprentice Notes: Sonoma joint committee elected J. L. Bartlett, pres., thanks to Bert Reed, retiring. Los Angeles gave new ratings to apprentices Feb. 1, 2, 3. Peninsula group held local panel contest in Jan., with 42 wood panels and eight wallpaper panels entered. Winners are entered in the state contest. Alameda County JAC held local panel contest Jan. 20. Four winners were among the tops in last year's state contest.

Oakland 127 and Richmond 560 report difficulties under the Painters' hospital and medical plan, started last year. Richmond says several contractors are not making payments under the plan, will remove men from those shops. Oakland urges members to make out forms properly, because the form which pays for medical bills is the same one used to apply for weekly disability benefits.

(—Frank Anderson).

will veto any bill which does not pay its own way—he has always done so in the past.

Why should the Legislature be asked by the Governor to work out solutions to these problems vexing the people of California when his own budget makes no provision for financing them?

I repeat—this is an election year.

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ELECTRIC WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hestey, phone 4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

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FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St., Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Bartenders Hall, Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 6564; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snail, 161 Lighthouse, phone 8045; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 236 Alvarado St., phone 9266. Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 6166. Office, 140 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6166.

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PLASTERERS & CEMENT FINISHERS 337—Meets 1st Friday at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Ingram. Sec.-Treas., Dan Williams, phone 3181. Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142. Office 315 Alvarado St., phone 6744.

PLUMBERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Masuen, Carmel, phone 27112; Sec., Edward Weiner, 20 Via Incina, Monterey, phone 2-1310; Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone 7002; office phone 6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets every other month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m., Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 9213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21266.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenbush, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Monterey 6744.

TEACHERS (Monterey County) 457—Meets on call. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 7622.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5653; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

\$6½ Billion In Dividends!

U. S. stockholders last year received the biggest total of dividends in history—more than \$6.5 billion. That was 7 per cent more than they were paid in 1948, according to the Department of Commerce.

The Department computes all publicly-reported cash dividends. Because only 60 or 65 per cent of such payments are reported publicly, the actual dividend figure far exceeded \$6.5 billion.

Now what is all that stuff about there being no chance for "venture capital"—a favorite term of the Wall Street economists—to earn profits?

And what about the Taft-Martin-Byrd line that private enterprise is on the rocks?—(LLPE)

Time to Boast

When it shall be said in any country in the world: "My poor are happy; neither ignorance nor distress is to be found among them; my jails are empty of prisoners, my streets of beggars; the aged are not in want, the taxes are not oppressive; the rational world is my friend because I am a friend also of its happiness"—when these can be said, then may that country boast of its constitution and its government.—THOMAS PAINE.

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L. A. Bldg. Trades Fighting Wage Cuts

Los Angeles.—Organized contractors demanded a 25c hourly wage cut and organized labor in the building trades demanded a seven-hour day with no wage slash when contract talks opened here March 15.

Along with the "basic six" trades—carpenters, cement finishers, operating engineers, ironworkers, teamsters and laborers—a seventh building trades union, the painters, also was reportedly set to demand the seven-hour day with no cut in take-home pay.

In announcing their wage cut demands to the Los Angeles Building Trades Council, the Associated General Contractors and the Building Contractors Assn. reportedly leaned heavily on the 2c hourly wage slashes recently taken by United Auto Workers (CIO) members at General Motors Corp. under their cost-of-living agreement negotiated two years ago.

GM developments prove living costs are slumping, the contractors claimed, but AFL Council spokesmen branded their demands a bluff.

In addition to their demand for the seven-hour day, the 15 house painters' locals in this area also will fight for an insurance fund plan financed by the employers.

Demands by the other six unions include: \$2.50 an hour for carpenters, currently getting \$2.12½; \$2.60 plus extras for special jobs for cement finishers; \$1.95 instead of \$1.65 plus extras for special work for teamsters; \$1.85 instead of \$1.57 with a top rate of \$2.20 for special jobs for laborers; \$2.50 instead of \$2.12 for operating engineers with a top of \$3.25; and \$2.60 instead of \$2.20 for ironworkers.

Construction Is A Deadly Industry

(State Release)

Construction ranks as one of the more hazardous industries, contributing almost one-sixth of the total of disabling injuries in industry generally. During the years 1947 to 1949, an average of between 110 and 115 construction workers were disabled for each 1,000 employed. For the first 10 months of each year, injuries numbered 17,690 in 1947; 19,199 in 1948; and 16,715 in 1949.

There was a correspondingly large number of fatalities in construction during the first 10 months of these years: 97 in 1947; 96 in 1948; and 86 in 1949.

To a greater extent than in most other industries, working surfaces constitute a major accident source in construction, where they make up about 24 per cent of the total. In building construction, working-surface accidents cause about 28 per cent of the disabling injuries.

Reflecting their extensive use, hand tools are involved in 16 per cent of construction injuries.

Accidents involving trees, logs, or lumber, represented one-tenth of the total accidents in all construction, and were particularly numerous in building construction.

Chemicals, hot substances, poisonous vegetation, and dusts played a part in six per cent of the lost-time injuries, vehicles in five per cent, and machines in four per cent.

Nurses' High Voltage Silk Undies Dangerous

A couple of fire underwriters have noted that certain types of nurses' underwear can be dangerously electrifying.

The two, B. I. Simpson and Gerald E. Abbott of Southeastern Underwriters, found that for operating room purposes silk and nylon are out.

These materials, they found after an inspection trip to Emory University, were barred because they sometimes generate static electric sparks which could set off an explosion among the gases used for anesthetics.

(Editor's Note: Something will have to be done about this new industrial hazard.)



NORTHWEST FLOODS.—Each year millions in damage is done by floods, and thousands of persons are made homeless in the great river valleys of the U.S. Above picture was taken over the Snoqualmie River (arrow) in Washington two weeks ago, when heavy rains turned rich farmlands in the Snohomish and Snoqualmie River valleys region into a great lake, forcing thousands of families to flee to high ground. Floods are an annual occurrence on such rivers as the Columbia, Wabash, Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri despite pleas from taxpayers, Bureau of Reclamation, and local governments—with one exception, the Tennessee River valley, where TVA controls water flow and creates public power. Republicans call TVA socialism, so the question then is: which is better, living in "socialism" or in water?

Unemployment Ins. Tops \$253 Million in '49

A net total of 253.2 million dollars was paid out in unemployment insurance during 1949, almost 107 million dollars more than in 1948. Total revenues amounted to 134.9 million dollars, about 3.8 million dollars more than in the previous year. The increase in revenue includes 1.1 million dollars owing to higher average contribution rates paid by employers and five quarters' interest earned by the fund. The fund balance on January 1st was almost 10 million dollars short of the amount required by the act to retain the level of reduced rates given in Section 39(b) of the act. Therefore, the normal schedule of contribution rates as given in Section 39(a) will be effective for 1950 pay rolls.

In the six months ended December 31, 1949, an average of 195,200 persons a week were paid benefits, 58 percent higher than in the last half of 1948. The dollar amount of payments averaged 4.4 million dollars a week for the second half of 1949, 63 percent more than in the comparable 1948 period. This relatively greater increase in aggregate payments reflects a rise in the claimants' average weekly benefit amount. The average weekly benefit amount paid the last half of 1949, \$22.38, was 58 cents greater than the average in 1948.

NO INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION

Wage earner contributions under the California Unemployment Insurance Act remain 1 percent of the first \$3,000 of annual wages.

Increase in the employee contribution rate for old-age and survivors' insurance required by the Federal Government has brought many questions from employers on the status of the state law. There is no relationship between the two insurance systems, and the increase in the federal rate has no effect upon the contributions for disability insurance purposes.

Don't Bust Unions With Soft Soap

Chicago.—Most so-called human relations fail because, first, management looks on them as a means of breaking unions.

That plain talk was given the American Management Assn. by Peter F. Drucker, Montclair, N. J., management consultant.

Programs of corporate labor relations are beginning to place too much emphasis on recreation and politeness and too little on improving working conditions, Drucker declared.

"The emphasis should be on the job itself," he said.

Chamber Now FOR Security

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce now thinks all workers should be covered by social security. The benefits should be small, of course, but the Chamber wants everyone to get at least a little bit of social security.

The Chamber isn't turning suddenly liberal. It merely wants to get businessmen off the hook.

For years it has been against extending and expanding social security. Businessmen have been blind to the need for an adequate social security program.

In the meantime, many trades unionists have been getting pension and other security programs through collective bargaining. And employers are finding that such plans are costing them much more than a good social security program. Hence, the change in strategy.

But the Chamber of Commerce probably won't face up to the moral of this story:

You can't solve a problem by ignoring it.—(LLPE)

"No Union" Police Order Termed Unfair

Cambridge, Mass. — William V. Ward, president of the AFL Massachusetts Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, condemned an order forbidding members of the Cambridge police force from joining a labor union.

The order was read by Police Chief John R. King, president of the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association, at a roll call of officers. He said it "was designed to prevent unionization of his department because a policeman's first duty is to the community."

Mr. Ward called the order "unfair to both police officers and taxpayers." He pointed out that "all our contracts with police departments have a no-strike clause."

HERE'S HOW TO KILL TAFT-HARTLEY LAW

The National Foremen's Institute says that for the bargaining price of 10 bucks it will send employers a manual on how to wise up on the Taft-Hartley law and really crack down on labor with it.

The Oregon Teamster comments, "Unions offer this counter plan to their memberships: For the bargain price of one visit to your voting booth you can get rid of Taft-Hartley by voting against the Taft-Hartley Congressman in your area."

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AFL Opens Final Push For Housing

(AFL RELEASE)

Washington.—The AFL opened the showdown drive for middle-income cooperative housing as Congress prepared to vote on the issue.

In an effort to obtain passage of the bill, AFL President William Green telegraphed more than 30 state federations of labor and more than 125 central labor unions urging them to contact their Senators and Representatives immediately with a request that they vote for the housing bill.

Rank and file members should also write or wire their Congressmen and Senators at once to support in the Senate Bill S. 2246 and in the House Bill H.R. 7402.

Mr. Green said in his telegrams: "AFL is urging immediate enactment of middle-income housing bill, especially Title III containing cooperative housing provisions."

"This program, providing for long-term loans at low interest rates to cooperatives and other nonprofit housing corporations of-

fers only practical way to construct houses and apartments within the means of ordinary union families.

"Information available to us indicates that Senators from your state appear to be still undecided on this legislation. Their votes will help to determine fate of the bill. Most essential that you immediately wire your Senators on behalf of AFL urging them to support Title III of the middle-income housing legislation."

This effort climaxes the drive begun by the St. Paul convention last October to get legislation to help the "forgotten families" in the middle-income brackets who are earning too much to qualify for low-cost public housing and too little to pay the exorbitant prices demanded by private industry for its government-financed homes.

AFL Groups Back Mrs. Douglas

Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas officially placed herself in the race for election to the United States Senate when she filed her nominating petitions Wednesday (15) at the office of Registrar of Voters Hite in Los Angeles.

Although the law does not require personal appearance, Congresswoman Douglas regarded the event as one of the most important occasions in her public career and appeared at the registrar's office herself accompanied by several of her close friends.

On the same day that Mrs. Douglas formerly entered the race, her headquarters in Los Angeles announced additional labor support for her candidacy.

The headquarters announcement said word had been received that the Fresno AFL Central Labor Council had unanimously endorsed Mrs. Douglas and pledged its delegates to the statewide meeting of Labor's League for Political Education to work vigorously for that body's endorsement when it meets next month.

Congresswoman Douglas received support from another AFL affiliate when she was endorsed by the Joint Council of Sportswear, Cotton Garment, Undergarment and Accessory Workers' Unions, Locals 266, 482, 496 and 48S, International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, Los Angeles.



GOOD EXERCISE—Using a heart for a target, Mickey Randall gets ready to let her arrow fly. When she's not sunning at Miami Beach, or shooting arrows, Mickey models in New York.

For Women Only

By POLLY EDISON (for LLPE)

EATING MORE?

The average American family is eating better than it did before the war. It is consuming around 11 per cent more fruits and vegetables, milk and meat.

But—sad to relate—it is eating less than it did during the war, when we had rationing and everyone talked of food shortages. Consumption of food went up almost 30 per cent during the war, on an average per family basis and not counting the men in uniform.

The downward trend in eating started as soon as OPA ended and food prices shot skyward.

Your grocery store continued to do just as much business when prices rose. Some of them did more, because millions of men in uniform came home and the country also had millions of new babies. So over-all food sales have remained high while average consumption was dropping.

Milk was one of the first foods to show a drop, despite all the new children. Vitamin C, in which milk is rich, is the nutrient now most lacking in the over-all American diet.

Feeding your family a balanced diet is tougher, of course, when you are trying to cut your grocery bill. It's natural to fall back on the filling starchy foods and trust to luck. But it's better to keep an eye on vitamins, too, and search for the best nutrition possible. Cole slaw, for instance, is filled with Vitamin C and is one of the foods which could help fill the milk gap.

NO PALE FACES

From birth until they leave school, all British children have health care and body building foods. Since Britain's special feeding program for children began in 1938, the average height of the British child has increased nearly half an inch and his average weight by two pounds.

Results are particularly noticeable in industrial areas. The boys and girls of those areas are now as plump and healthy looking as those brought up in the country.

THE LION ROARS

Speaking of the British, did you notice that 85 per cent of their voting-aged people voted in recent elections, and that in some precincts 95 per cent did? (Only 51.9 per cent of eligible American voters voted in our last presidential election.)

The story we like best about the election over there was of the woman who was at the polls when they opened, cast her vote, and then went to the maternity center to have her baby.

SPRING BLOOMS

In some states, the politicians bloom along with the crocuses. Seven states have primary elections in the spring: Alabama, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Election rules vary so much from state to state that the only way a newcomer to politics and voting can learn about them is to do his own detective work. Women are good sleuths. So get busy and learn the dates in your locality. Circle them on the kitchen calendar and be there during the primaries. Else you may find yourself disqualified for the big push in November.

LOOK AGAIN

And how do you look from the neck down? Overweight and bulgy? That's the most frequent bad-nutrition problem among adults, so nearly all nutritionists say. We eat too much or we eat the wrong things. Sometimes both.

It's hard to take, we know, but after 35 it's safer not to be overweight. Be careful when you diet after that age, however. Do it the slow way, not more than a pound or so a week. Most important of all, make the pounds you take off stay off. Change the habit that's causing them.

State LLPE Meet Called

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week issued the official call for the pre-primary convention of the League scheduled for April 17, 18 and 19, at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco.

Help Starving, Truman Asked

Washington.—Recent reports of malnutrition and actual starvation among the children of farm laborers in Arizona and California call for drastic action to improve the living standards of farm labor families, President Truman was told March 10 in a letter sent by Pres. H. L. Mitchell, National Farm Labor Union (AFL).

The President was asked to take these steps at once to relieve hardship on crop workers, most of whom are at this season in the south and southwest:

1. Order distribution of the government-held stocks of surplus commodities to those in actual need, and make public announcement that such foods are available.

2. Crack down on the use of Mexican nationals for farm labor when thousands of U. S. field workers are jobless by ending the agreement with Mexico for importation of labor, rounding up Mexicans who have entered the U.S. illegally and detail army units to help the immigration service keep the border closed.

3. Instruct the Secretary of Agriculture to cancel leases on federally owned farm labor camps now being operated by private farmer associations, many of which have let the properties deteriorate so that they no longer furnish decent housing, and let the government run them once more.

The AFL farm union head told Truman the blame for present appalling conditions among farm labor families is due to "a relatively small number of large scale farmers operating huge factories-in-the-field, employing hundreds of workers, whose main concern is the extraction of profit from labor and the land, often for absentee owners of corporations."

Union Housing Project

Chicago—When summer of 1951 rolls around, 1,000 Chicago packinghouse workers and their families will begin moving into their brand new homes in Landis Village. This interracial project is being built under the sponsorship of the United Packinghouse Workers as the union's answer to the housing crisis among its Chicago members.

Business of the convention will be the endorsement of candidates for Congress and for state political office in the state-wide primary election to be held Tuesday, June 6. **UNION, 1 DELEGATE**

Each local league affiliated with the California Labor League for Political Education is entitled to one delegate. The vote of each union is based on the average per capita tax paid into the State League during the year ending February 28, 1950, that is, the total amount paid in during the twelve calendar month period, March 1, 1949, through February 28, 1950, divided by thirty-six.

Each local league affiliated with the State League, and each AFL affiliated central body, including trades councils, etc., is entitled to one delegate, who shall have one vote.

The delegate from a local league or central body must be a member of an AFL affiliated local union which is in turn an affiliated member of the State League.

ASK RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for the endorsement of candidates for the State Assembly and Senate and for Congress may be made to the convention by local unions, local leagues and central bodies. These recommendations must be submitted to the Secretary of the State League by Monday, April 10, 1950, and must be signed by the executive officer of the affiliated local, local league, or central body.

Recommendations for the endorsement of candidates for state-wide office, such as governor, lieutenant governor, U. S. senator, etc., shall be made only by the Executive Council.

Final determination of all recommendations shall be effected on the floor of the convention where endorsements shall be accomplished by a majority vote of the convention.

Western Union's Plea Turned Down

Washington.—A recommendation that Western Union Telegraph Company be denied permission to hire foot and bicycle messengers at 65 cents an hour instead of the new 75-cent minimum wage provided by the Fair Labor Standards Act has been filed with the administrator of the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division.

The recommendation is an acceptance of the AFL position given in testimony presented at public hearings.



GOOD NEWS FOR MINERS—Attorneys for the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) show their pleasure over the decision of Judge Richmond B. Keech, acquitting the union of contempt charges for failing to end the coal strike. Left to right: Earl Houck, Harrison Combs, Welly Hopkins, M. E. Boriarsky and William Owens.

Calif. Jobs On Decline

(State Fed. Release)

Manufacturing employment in California dropped seasonally between December and January, primarily reflecting seasonal contraction in canning and other food processing, apparel, and lumber industries, it was reported this week by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research.

The survey revealed a total of 682,800 wage and salary workers employed in manufacturing industries in January, a loss of 20,400 from December. Manufacturing plants employed three per cent fewer workers this January than in January a year ago.

In addition to seasonal losses in food processing and apparel, other nondurable groups registered declines in January. Nondurable goods industries as a whole employed 316,000 wage and salary workers in January compared with 333,500 in the previous month. The January figure was only slightly under the estimate of a year ago.

Employment increased in only two manufacturing industry groups—in iron and steel and in automobiles. These gains were more than offset by losses in most other durable goods industries so that employment in durable goods industries as a whole declined to 366,500 in January, from 369,700 in December.

A year ago durable goods plants employed 387,000 wage and salary workers. The greatest declines from a year ago were in machinery and shipbuilding.

It's Done in the Primary!

"The primary election comes soon. Indications are that many voters are not yet registered. Without registration, voting is difficult, to say the least."

"Many people seem to feel that the primary is unimportant. It is just the opposite. Unless good candidates are nominated at the primary, there will be no good candidates to vote for in the final election...."

"Take care of this important matter now. Be sure you are registered—and then be sure you can vote."—Milwaukee Labor Press.

South Helps Miners

Louisville, Ky.—A Salvation Army plea for clothing for Kentucky miners and their families has brought responses from all over the South. Brig. Willard S. Evans said here. About six tons of clothing were scheduled to go to Harlan County the week of Feb. 6, he said. This was collected in Atlanta, Washington, Baltimore and Louisville.

Billionaires Control Food

New York.—In the last 10 years, monopoly has tightened its grip on the nation's food industry.

This is the conclusion of a documented study in the March issue of Facts For Farmers, published by Farm Research, Inc.

"While Morgan, Rockefeller and other financial interests have been invading the food field for several decades, the rate of concentration became particularly rapid during World War II and afterward," the research agency points out.

It backs up this statement with Federal Trade Commission figures showing that there have been 369 mergers or acquisitions of food companies from 1940 to 1947, a rate twice as high as in any other industry.

In this seven-year period General Foods Corp. acquired 18 corporations, Borden Co. gobbled up 20 concerns, and Safeway Stores took over three rival chains, 15 cheese factories, eight creameries, 12 meat packing plants, one bakery and one gelatine firm.

MEAT, BAKERS, TRACTORS

There has been a similar concentration of control in industries which directly affect farmers. The Big Four meat packers—Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy—own 72.3 per cent of the industry's assets. Four bakeries—Continental, Purity, Ward and General—own 30.6 per cent of their field. In the farm machinery line, four manufacturers—International Harvester, Deere, Allis-Chalmers and Caterpillar—control 75.4 per cent. In the biscuit business, three companies—National, Sunshine, and United—have 67.7 per cent ownership.

"Significant as these figures are," the periodical warns, "they do not, however, tell the whole story, for many of these corporations are closely interconnected. Many of them are linked to the same financial and banking interests. Many of their directors sit together on the boards of several corporations."

It lists directors of Morgan-controlled banks who coincidentally are directors of such food firms as Continental Baking Co., the

Atlantic & Pacific chain, National Biscuit Co., General Foods Corp., National Dairy Products Co., Standard Brands and Coca-Cola Co.

BIG MORTGAGE PRESSURE

"While these are just a few of the interconnections that can be shown between the directors of the big food corporations and the top financial circles," Facts For Farmers says, "they illustrate the trend and show how control over the nation's food supply is being usurped by the billionaire groups."

The rise of big business and big banking has promoted the growth of big agriculture. In 1948 nearly \$2 billion worth of farm-mortgage loans were held by commercial banks and life insurance companies.

Facts For Farmers cites a recent study released by the Agriculture Dept. which revealed that farm land is concentrated "in the hands of a few" and that "three per cent of the owners held 41 per cent of the (farm) land owned by individuals" in 1946.

The periodical criticizes the FTC for simply surveying "the top of the pyramid and measuring the size of individual blocks" instead of noting that "thousands of these big corporations are comprised within a single financial structure." It criticizes the monopoly probe being conducted by a committee headed by Congressman Emmanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) for the same reason.

Fire losses in 1949 were 6% under the 1948 record high.

SAFEWAY MAY PUSH STRIKE TO NEW AREA

Possibilities increased this week that Safeway will force a spread of the three-county clerks' strike by insisting on wiping out contract protection for managing clerks in other counties where agreements are up for renewal.

Santa Clara County topped the list of possibilities. Independent employers have reached an agreement with Retail Clerks Union, Local 428, but Safeway has yet to indicate its position on the industry agreement.

The Santa Clara County contract contains a provision that clerks work will be performed only by employees whose conditions of employment are fixed by the contract.

On the firing line, too, are clerks' unions in Fresno and Sacramento, where food store contracts are due for revision and where managing clerks have had contract protection similar to that provided in the Bay Area counties.

Safeway strikers went back to their picket lines this week with renewed energy despite the failure of efforts to find a basis for settlement on their three-county strike.

Meanwhile, clerks' unions throughout the state were speeding their plans to mobilize the strongest possible support behind the Safeway strikers.

MORE UNIONS JOIN

Union after union was approving a proposal to assess their membership \$1 a month for a period of five months to support the fight against Safeway's efforts to deny contract protection to all employees performing clerk work.

The Joint Committee of Striking Safeway Employees was to meet in San Francisco, in conjunction with the strategy committee of the California State Council of Retail Clerks, to plan for intensification of the state-wide boycott campaign.

The Joint Committee acknowledged the many expressions of moral and financial support coming into its headquarters from local unions in every part of the state.

The Joint Committee pointed out that although their strike was in its sixth month in Contra Costa County, fifth month in Alameda county, and third month in San Francisco, its forces were gaining strength every day.

Support from every section of the labor movement, united backing by clerks' unions in California and the support of large sections of the general public were responsible for maintaining and increasing the strike's strength.

Safeway Clerks in K.C. Win Pay Hike

Kansas City, Mo.—Safeway Stores clerks here won a new union contract after staging a 6½-hour strike on the chain's biggest sales day.

The strikers, members of the Retail Clerks Intl. Assn. (AFL), walked out in 40 stores in the greater city area. They returned to work after store officials agreed to wage increases of 5c an hour. Management dropped its demand for elimination of the 5-day week and progressive wage raises from the union contract. The new wage scale provides \$60 for men for a 45-hour week and \$51.75 for women.

Similar contracts were signed with Atlantic & Pacific and Kroger chains.

Asheville CLU Growing

Asheville, N. C.—Asheville Central Labor Union, James F. Barrett, president, has announced that the assumed quota in the 1,000,000 member campaign has been accomplished thus far in 1950.

The CLU assumed a quota of 1,250 new members for 1950 and at the end of February has turned in a count in excess of its monthly quota.

Many other areas have also met their quota and more.

Security Bill By Douglas

Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas (D.-Calif.) today introduced a bill that would liberalize and extend present Social Security legislation. In connection with this bill Mrs. Douglas made the following statement:

"I believe in the right of all people to a good and decent life when they are no longer able to work because of age, disability, or responsibility for young children."

"I believe this right is most secure under a social insurance program in which a person unable to support himself receives benefits as a matter of equity right because he and his employer have contributed during his working years. This is the self-respecting American way."

"I have always been a supporter of the Social Security Act, great pioneering measure of the Roosevelt New Deal, which established that right in our law."

"I have supported every recommendation of President Roosevelt, President Truman, and the Democratic Platform for making this program more adequate to the needs of all people."

NOT FAR ENOUGH

"I voted for H.R. 6000, the social security amendments passed by the House last year, which extended this program to eleven million more workers, greatly increased its benefits, and added insurance against permanent disability. This bill was a great forward step as far as it went but it didn't go nearly far enough."

"I therefore have urged a further liberalization and extension of the Social Security Act to make security, on an adequate level, a reality for every person who works or has retired. I have introduced a bill for this purpose, which would add to the steps already taken by these further provisions."

TO ALL WORKERS

"My bill extends social insurance protection to everyone who works whether for himself or another, whether in agriculture or industry, whether in a big enterprise or small. All working people not covered under other Federal systems would, through their own and their employer's contribution, be entitled to benefits as a matter of absolute right, without any means test, when they retired."

"My bill further increases the social insurance benefit level. It sets as a minimum monthly payment the \$75 which we in California decided at the polls was the least on which an individual could maintain a decent life. Above this basic amount the person retiring would receive 15% of his average monthly earnings up to maximum of \$400 of earnings, plus 1% for each year he worked in covered employment. His wife would receive the \$75 monthly minimum. Thus a worker and his wife retiring after 20 years of covered employment with average earnings of \$300 a month would receive a monthly benefit payment of \$219."

"Men would be entitled to retirement benefits at sixty-five, women at sixty. But if a worker became permanently disabled before that time he would be immediately entitled to his retirement benefit. If he should die his widow and children would receive proportionate monthly payments."

GUARANTEE TO ALL

"My bill recognizes the justice of the plea for similar treatment from those who have already retired by granting them insured status at the minimum level of \$75 a month. All men over sixty-five, all women over sixty, and all those permanently and totally disabled would receive the minimum social insurance benefit of \$75 a month if they had retired. The government would purchase this insurance for them as a part of the transitional cost of launching this universal program."

"It is no fault of this retired group that they were not able to make payroll contributions during their working years. It is the accident of their birth date that has deprived them of the protection of a dignified social insurance program and forced them to submit to the indignity of the public assistance means test."

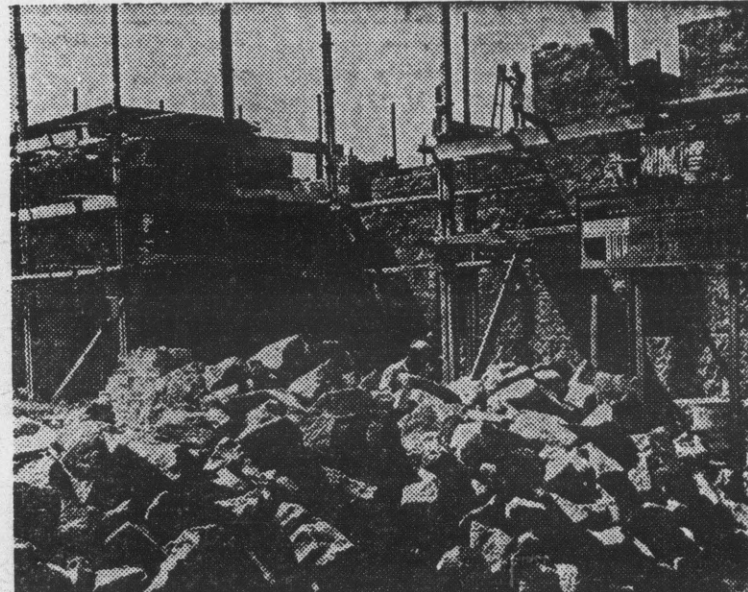
"I believe that the contribution they made to the economy, to the building up of our young and still growing state, entitles them to social insurance on at least this minimum basis. To recognize the just claim of this group will strengthen the social insurance system and thus help to protect the equity of the younger workers."

"I do not believe that security is an end in itself. It is the means to all other values. Who can fulfill the creative and spiritual promise that lies within every man when he is obsessed by the uncertainty of how he and his family will live when he can no longer work? Fear is the enemy that corrodes human dignity; insecurity engulfs the human spirit. We who are rich in resources must make ourselves equally rich in the human values which can only fulfill themselves when we have banished fear and insecurity."

"I am committed to the battle!"

An estimated one-third of the nation's jobless have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits.

Thomas Jefferson was the first Secretary of State of the United States.



Workers, employers and the government in Italy contribute to Italy's "Fanfani Plan" which aims at construction of 903,000 rooms to ease the shortage of living space. Meanwhile, in the city of Itri, houses such as this are being built with the help of the Marshall Plan.

DON'T shop at SAFEWAY

When a man works on a job, he is entitled to the protection of the union contract covering the job. Without that protection, neither he nor his union is safe from the anti-union actions of his employer.

Safeway clerks and managing clerks have had that protection since 1937; every other Bay Area clerk and managing clerk have it now.

Safeway refuses that protection, demands the right to attack our unions when it pleases.

That's why we are on strike.

Striking Safeway Clerks

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